(ख) से (ग) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने, भारत और स्विटजरलेड के बीच समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर होने से पूर्व ही स्विस प्राधिकारियों से सम्पर्क किया था ।

Cost escalation of heavy water

1785. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost escalation in respect of heavy water per tonnes during the last five years due to delays and low capacity utilisation of heavy water plants; and

(b) what has been the impact on cost of power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Escalation in cost or production per tonne of Heavy Water for 1985-86 to 1988-89 due to lower capacity utilisation ranges from 175 per cent to 250 per cent for the different plants. Capacity utilisation has improved significantly in recent years.

(b) Cost of power generaion has risen by about 3 paise/kwh over the last five years due to increase in heavy water cost based on pool prices.

Appointment of committee to examine lapses in puchase of ammunition for defence forces

1786. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Ministe of DFFNCE be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken on public accounts committees recommendations for appointment of an independent committee to examine lapses in the purchase of certain ammunition for Defence Forces and to fix responsibility for substantial loss incurred by the failure of concerned officers; and

(b) what action Government has taken on its own when the lapses came to its notice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The appointment of an independent Committee as recommended by the Public Accounts Comimttee is under consideration.

(b) Three Investigation Committees went into the cause of opening of lids and cracking of ammunition bodies in 1981, 1985 and 1986 respectively. The final view that emerged was that the defects of lid opening and cracking were due to inherent limitations in the prescribed material that was used viz.. Low Density Polyethyline (LDPE). LDPE is susceptible to stress cracking due to ageing.

Repair of defective pieces by appropriate coating has been tried out successfully and action is in hand to repair all defective pieces.

Diversion of India-supplied zircalloy to Pakistan by a West German Firm

1787. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTG a West German firm was sold Zircaloy in 1983-84